

EXHIBIT 31  
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HB 548

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Oppose HB 548

Dear Representative

1. I go to dog shows quite often, and love Montana.

Spend time there, shopping, dining, attending dog shows, etc.

I am not the only one...there are literally thousands of us who come to the shows in Montana.

However, if this bill passes, we will not be going to any dog shows in your lovely state.

If this bill passes you will be hurting the responsible dog lovers/breeders in your state, and losing lots of revenue. In this financial climate, I can't think you would want to turn away a very lucrative revenue stream.

Here are some numbers to consider:

2006- 70 events, 19,067 dogs participated

2007- 75 events, 19,926 dogs participated

2008- 83 events, 17,291 dogs participated

Totals: 56,284 dogs participated in 228 events in Montana over the past 3 years

Here is a revenue projection:

So here are the MT tourism estimates using the smallest estimates (-1000 entries):

2006 --- \$22,344,000

2007 --- \$23,940,000

2008 --- \$26,493,600

So over \$72 million in 3 years.

Seems a significant amount and certainly something to consider seriously.

I urge you to vote NO on HB 548.

Sincerely,

Tamiko Lynch

(just next door in Idaho)